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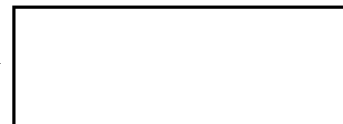
Government forces yesterday killed over 40 Khmer Communist troops in fighting along the west bank of the Mekong River ten miles upriver from Phnom Penh. Government operations along the Bassac River southeast of the capital made only limited progress in the face of stiff resistance, however.

On the Route 4 front in the far southwest, government defenders at Kompong Seila are attempting to expand their perimeter despite steady communist shellings. The relief force headed toward Kompong Seila from the north-east remains some 20 miles from the isolated garrison

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A Mekong River resupply convoy reached Phnom Penh safely over the weekend. It encountered only light shore fire en route.



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